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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF
PUERTO RICO AND U.S. NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT AT A MEETING OF THE C-24
BUREAU ON MAY 9, AMBASSADOR SALIM ANNOUNCED THAT
SWEDISH PERMREP THUNBORG HAS AGREED TO CHAIR
THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO NOW
SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF AUGUST.

2. IN THE CONTEXT OF REVIEWING THE C-24'S SCHEDULE,
SALIM ANNOUNCED THAT HE EXPECTED THE COMMITTEE PLENARY
TO CONSIDER AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM AND THE U.S. VIRGIN
ISLANDS IN MID AUGUST.

3. AUSTRALIAN MISOFF (AND C-24 REP) MORRIS SAID HE IS
CONVINCED THAT THUNBORG'S CHAIRMANSHIP DURING THE
PUERTO RICO DEBATE WILL WORK TO OUR DISADVANTAGE,
REDUCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SWEDISH HELP -- IF THEY
ARE INCLINED TO HELP -- AND PUTTING AUSTRALIA MORE
ON THE SPOT THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. NOTING THE
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PROBABLE SHIFT IN THE ETHIOPIAN AND AFGHAN VOTES
ON PUERTO RICO MORRIS ASKED IF WE WOULD BE SATISFIED
WITH POSTPONEMENT AGAIN. MISOFF SAID YES.

4. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH MORRIS'S ASSESSMENT THAT
THUNBORG'S CHAIRMANSHIP WON'T HELP. YOUNG
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